

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 3-5, 18, 20-21, 38 will remain pending in this application. Claims 2 and 19 are hereby cancelled, and claims 6-17, 22-37 and 39-42 were previously cancelled. Claims 43-50 are new. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added in the above amendments.

Claims 1-5, 18-21, and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent 6,704,743 ("Martin"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Interview Summary

Applicants' representative, Mr. Eiferman, and Examiner Jean Corrielus participated in a telephonic interview on June 5, 2007 to discuss the independent claims in relation to the cited references. Examiner Corrielus agreed to reevaluate the pending rejections in light of the arguments below.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

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Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 18 and 38 to better reflect their invention. In particular, such claims involve attaching an extension representative of a desired additional data structure to the type structure of an initial discrete storable unit of information. By doing so, customers are able to create or customize new schemas (see paragraphs 0335-0336 of the specification).

The Martin reference discloses a technique for managing entities in an object-oriented environment which permits the selective inheritance of parameters or field from parent entities and into child entities responsive to persistent indications of the inheritability of such parameters or fields stored in a non-volatile memory. Upon review of the Martin patent, it is not seen where the portions thereof cited by the Examiner in the current Office

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Action are applicable to the pending claims. Applicants therefore request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 18, and 38 are patentable over the cited reference. Since claims 2 and 19 have been cancelled and claims 43-50 have been added in the current Amendment, Applicants further submit that claims 3-5, 20-21 and 43-50 are patentable at least by reason of their dependency from claims 1 and 18. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

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